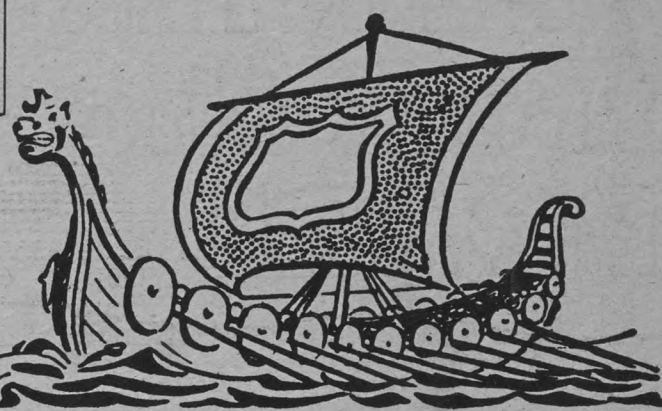


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Major Fund-Raising Project

Ticket Sellers Needed

The raffle of the lake lot at Edmonton Beach will be an enormous success with the co-operation of our shareholders.

By that, of course, we mean that we would be glad if every shareholder would buy a ticket. But in addition, what about selling tickets? If every shareholder sold just 20 tickets, the entire 60,000 would be sold!

If you are a shareholder who lives in Alberta (tickets cannot be sold in another Province, although our out-of-town shareholders may order tickets by mail) and you will help the Centre in this way, please get in touch with **Steini Jonsson** at 14512 - 107A Avenue, Edmonton and let him know how many books of 10 tickets you feel you can sell. The sellers' prizes are as follows:

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At a cost of \$1.00 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.00, we don't think anyone will find them difficult to sell.

The money raised will be for use in our continuing endeavour to preserve Scandinavian culture both for our young people and for contribution of the many good things to our province and to our country.

This is the first major fund-raising activity, aside from share-selling, that we have attempted, and we are going all out to make it a success!

The Fund-Raising Committee has put in a lot of hours, and your assistance will be sincerely appreciated.

Immigration Bill Goes To Senate

The following Telex was received from the Minister of Manpower and Immigration Bud Cullen on July 26th:

I am happy to inform you that Bill C-24, the new Immigration Bill, has now received third

Borge Welling Offered Position

Will Return To Canada As soon As Possible

The Board of Directors has offered a position to Børge Welling of Aalborg, Denmark. Mr. Welling has been on vacation in Edmonton for the past six weeks, having acted as a tour guide on a charter flight from Denmark which landed in Canada in June.

It is, of course, necessary for him to return to Denmark to apply for Landed Immigrant status in Canada, and it is hoped that he will be able to return in six to eight weeks' time at the most.

Mr. Welling is 28 years of age. He was educated as a Waiter in Randers, Denmark, and as a cook at the Hotel Hvide Hus in Aalborg. His experience and re-



BØRGE WELLING

ferences are excellent, and he is presently teaching at the Hotel and Restaurant Association

School in Aalborg.

He is enthusiastic about returning to Canada, and the Centre is equally enthusiastic. With Mr. Welling at the Centre, Scandinavian food will no longer present any problems, and with his background our food operation will offer more variety and efficiency.

The Board has been trying for some time to find a cook qualified in Scandinavian cuisine, but until now their efforts have been unsuccessful. Traditional food is an important part of our cultural heritage and should not be lost to us. The prospect of making it available at the Centre is an exciting one for all of us!

reading in the House of Commons. It will now go to the Senate and it is my hope that it will receive royal assent within a few weeks.

This Bill is a landmark in Canadian immigration legislation. It enshrines in law, for the first time, such fundamental principles as non-discrimination, family reunification, humanitarian concern for refugees and the promotion of Canada's economic, social, demographic and cultural goals.

The new Act will remove inequities that exist in the present law, such as prohibitions against people suffering from epilepsy and other illnesses. It will mean that hundreds of people who have lived in this country under Minister's permits will become instantly eligible for landing and early citizenship.

The sponsored dependant category has been replaced by the family class, and under the new Act Canadian citizens will be able to sponsor a wider range of relatives, including parents under the age of 60.

At the same time, in the regulations made under the new Act, the nominated class will be preserved and those relatives now eligible for nomination will receive the same level of preference they enjoy under the present regulations.

The new Act contains essential measures to protect Canada

against terrorists and organized crime. At the same time, it permits less drastic forms of removal from Canada than deportation — forms which permit the eventual return to this country of persons whose removal was for relatively less serious offences.

For the first time the new Act confirms the obligations Canada has assumed as a party to the United Nations' Convention and Protocol on Refugees. It provides for special selection standards for refugees and gives persons who claim refugee status new protection under the law.

The new Act upholds the present independence and jurisdiction of the Immigration Appeal Board. Essentially the same people who may now appeal to the Board against a deportation order will continue to enjoy appeal rights under the new law.

The law requires the Minister to announce each year, after consultation with the provinces and other interested agencies, the level of immigration which should prevail during a given period of time.

The new Act is progressive and flexible. It embodies the views of hundreds of organizations and individuals, including many ethnic groups. It stands firmly for a clear, honest, non-discriminatory approach to immigration. I believe it will serve us well in the years to come.

Scandinavian Round Table Conference Group Comes To Alberta

On August 23rd a group of approximately 50 people from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden will arrive in Calgary. They will be participating in a "Round Table Conference" to be held in that city during the week beginning August 29th.

This group is travelling to Banff for their first night in Canada. From there they will go on to Jasper. They will arrive in Edmonton on August 26th at approximately 5:00 p.m., and will leave for Calgary again on Sunday morning, August 28th, at about 9:00 a.m.

The Scandinavian Centre has been asked by H.H. Kristensen's Travel Agency in Copenhagen if it would be possible for these people to be put up in private homes in Edmonton on the nights of August 26th and 27th.

Hopefully there are enough Scandinavians here who will open their homes and their hearts so that all these people will be provided with room and board — and will leave with a good feeling about Canada!

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CANADA'S ETHNIC PAST

Canada's National Ethnic Archives is a storehouse of memorabilia relating to Canada's ethno-cultural groups. Each year hundreds of historians, genealogists and other researchers sift through part of the Archives'

millions of pages studying documents that range in date from 1500 to 1977.

It's encouraging to learn that archival materials are not the stereotypical musty old records—repositories for cobwebs—in

which only the most devout historian has any interest. Far from it, they are bits and pieces of everyday life: routine correspondence, diaries, family bibles, scrapbooks, paintings, photos, movie film, and sound recordings.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

Most of the energies of the Board have been spent in three areas during the past month: Food Service; Centre Development; and Fund-Raising.

Food Operation

As you all know, we are without a Manager at the present time, and this has meant that many hours have to be spent at the Centre by the Directors, both during the days and evenings. Added to a number of meetings, it has meant a heavy load. Our fledgling food operation is moving along, but because of our inexperience we have had problems. With the coming of Borge Welling this fall we will have a competent professional in charge; we expect we will then have a smooth-running and efficient food service.

Office

Since Betty Haugen works in the Centre office only three days a week, it was necessary to make provision for the other three days. Edith Peterson was originally hired to take over the newspaper, but has graciously consented to fill in the office for the time being, learning the newspaper as she goes along.

Expansion

The Expansion Committee has been actively looking at alternatives; our development permit was refused by the City of Edmonton, making it obvious that at least some small amount of our property will be required for the Yellowhead Freeway. We must now ascertain exactly what the City plans for our area.

Lottery

The raffle of the lake lot at Edmonton Beach has required, and will continue to require a good deal of time if we are to make it a success. Steini Jonsson has already put in a lot of hours on this project, and we will appreciate all the assistance we can get (see front page).

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met several times for various purposes, one being to interview applicants for Manager and Cook.

Volunteers Welcome

The Board is optimistic about the future, but there is a lot of work to be done in a lot of areas, and anyone who wishes to volunteer their assistance will be gratefully welcomed.

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WE RUN A BUSINESS

The Scandinavian Centre must be operated as a business, in a business-like manner, if we are to survive!

In all the time since the Centre was built very few people have viewed its operation in this light. The attitude of some of the Societies has been, and is, that the Centre pays too much attention to the commercial end — at their expense. We will all have to wake up! If the Centre is to continue to provide the groups with reduced rental rates for social functions, and free accommodation on all but two days of the week for cultural activities, the money to do so will have to come from somewhere. That is the whole purpose of the commercial venture — to provide these benefits, and the more successful we are in that area, the more advantages we can offer to our groups and our shareholders. To be successful it must be handled as the business which it is.

PROBLEMS MINIMAL—

In its first years the Centre was able to make enough to pay off the mortgage simply through renting halls, and problems were minimal compared to today. Next to no money was spent, nor was any provision made for repairs or replacements. So the building, the furniture and the equipment gradually deteriorated and became

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Gertie Holmgren

In the absence of our Chairman, Ray Wold very capably conducted our regular July meeting on July 2nd in the club house at Vasa Park.

Beulah Hinton extended an invitation to the members to visit her mother the following day for her birthday, and Evelyn Johnson announced that there would be open house for Emil Johnson on his 90th birthday, July 16th. We hope they both had a very Happy Birthday!

Don Samuelson announced plans for the August weekend. On August 6th and 7th there will be a tennis tournament open to members and friends. One player on each team must be a member. It will be a doubles tournament and entry fee will be \$5.00 per team. This fee also includes admission to the dance which will follow the meeting. Entries should be in before the end of the month. The tournament begins on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. for those under 16, and at 1:00 p.m. for those over 16. Dance will start at 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please phone Don at 455-5364.

Social Events

A Klondike Dance hosted by Paula and Clifford Lindberg was a great success. There was standing room only, but still the merrymakers arrived. The music was supplied by Clarence Knutson, but two of his regulars were on vacation, so Randy Forsberg and Co. was the band that played with Clarence joining in on his violin occasionally. The music was greatly enjoyed by all, especially when Clarence was fiddling. It was a Klondike dance, but very few wore Klondike attire.

Paula and Clifford wish to thank everyone who helped make it such a success. A special thanks to Dean and Lorraine Lindberg, Jim and Marnie Knutson, and Don and Evelyn Johnson. With the large attendance they couldn't have handled it without your help.

The annual Strawberry Tea and Country Store was a great success. Mr. Bjulat, a son or son-in-law of Marj Leander, won the lace table cloth.

Visitors

Margaret and Bert Lundgren of White Rock spent a short time at Vasa Park and had a brief visit in Edmonton on their way back from the Convention at Wetaskiwin.

Clifford and Paula Lindberg have had a busy time entertaining their grandchildren from B.C. Jay Pearson from Richmond spent two weeks, and Cheryl and Brian Lindberg from Fruitvale spent three weeks on the Lindberg farm. Their daughter, Bernice Pearson, also spent three days here and attended the Klondike Dance.

Anna Rosinski and wee daughter Nattallee of Point Roberts, Washington, was a visitor at Vasa Park and Edmonton in July.

Bob Pearson and wife Shirley of Calgary visited Oscar and

Winnie Pearson at Vasa Park over the long weekend.

Carl Kirker-Head from England is a guest at the home of Oscar and Winnie Pearson.

Travellers

Charlotte Samuelson and sons Gary and Bruce visited at White Rock with friends and relatives.

Anna and Ragnar Roos left on July 7th for a three-week visit to Sweden.

Erik Pierre and his cousin, Erik Olsson, left on June 17th for Sweden for a family reunion, it is 50 years since they both left Sweden for Canada.

Clifford Lindberg travelled to Nelson with three others to curl in the Senior Men's Bonspiel held on June 29th and 30th, and July 1st, returning home in time to help with the Klondike Dance on July 2nd.

Earlier Clifford and Paula travelled to B.C. to visit Clifford's mother, who, at the age of 92, still lives in her own home in Maple Ridge with her son, Edwin.

Erik and Margaret Engvall, accompanied by Ray and Doreen Nyroos and family, motored to Jaffrey, B.C., for the wedding of a relative. The bride had been Doreen Nyroos' flower-girl at their wedding

Linda Doheny (Nelsen), former queen of the Scandinavian Centre, and her husband, Patrick, will be residing in Ireland for a time. It appears that Linda had seen a cozy cottage overlooking Dingle Bay on one of her trips. Recently she inquired whether it would be available. It was, and so they have rented it for a while. The length of their stay will depend on how much they like it there.

They left Vancouver in May, taking a detour into Africa for a safari. Some time was spent in Mombasa on the coast, relaxing on the shores of the Indian Ocean. Linda found this place on the coast was like a Swedish Colony with at least 80% Swedish or Danish. Everyone thought she was Scandinavian.

They arrived in England to see the final men's singles tennis match at Wimbledon and were happy to see Bjorn Borg win. Having purchased a car, they plan to tour Europe for a while, then to London, and finally to Ireland.

A card received by the Nelsens from Patrick stated that a member of the tribe of one of the villages on their safari offered Patrick 10 cows for Linda. Needless to say, she was very upset when he accepted. The tribe also roasted a suckling pig which Patrick really enjoyed, and has tried for ever so long to get the Nelsen boys to do — without any luck.

On July 10th the Watsons

had a family reunion at Vasa Park with the young and old renewing acquaintances and enjoying the lake. A delicious pot luck supper was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations

To Glen Knutson and his fiancée on their engagement. Also to Rita Pearson and Bob Brown of Vancouver on their recent engagement, the wedding to take place on November 12th. Also to Grant Johnson, who will be married sometime in September, and to Peggy Johnson whose wedding will take place in October.

To the Chinese it might be the year of the snake, but it appears that here it is the year of weddings.

Congratulations to Terry and Tammy Knutson on the birth of a son. Clarence and Joan Knutson are the proud grandparents.

Curling and Bowling

Curling and Bowling will begin again in the fall. Bowling begins some time in September. Jenny Dahlseide at 489-5117, or Peter Johnson at 475-4165, are the contact persons.

Curling will begin some time towards the end of October, and Phyllis Tapio at 488-6715, or Jim Knutson at 452-2869, are the contact persons. We have a good time at these weekly activities and it's a good way to get to know your fellow members.

BUFORD NEWS

Heather, daughter of George and Doris Modin, has won an essay award on rural safety for Grades 5 to 8 in the County of Leduc. Linnea, daughter of Bernard and Dolores Johnson, has also won a junior literary award. Nice work, girls!

Kenny Johnson has spent a week at Vermilion with the 4-H'ers.

The Lundes and Ladouceurs have returned from their European vacations. Besides having a very enjoyable time, the weather was cold and prices were high, both in Sweden and Norway; England's prices were more reasonable. Coffee was double our price, and still they brewed it just as strong. If you have been there, you'll know what I mean.

Elvin and Anna Wold, and Mr. and Mrs. Haakon Hanson, left with a caravan of mobile homes on a tour of the north country.

Alvin and Wanda Marksted have been on a fishing trip to the interior of B.C.

The Pearson families have their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bing, and their son, Anders, from Gagnef, Sweden, visiting them. Vernon and Goody took them to the Ponoka Stampede, and Bruce. Being the first stampede they had seen, they thoroughly enjoyed it and found it very exciting. Then Lloyd and Angela and Ray took them on the Jasper-Banff loop. On the 17th they will hold a family reunion. Along with other shorter jaunts, the Bings really had a full three weeks.

Viola Stanyer of Honeymoon Bay, and Murray and Demi Smith of Victoria, visited with the Modins and Bert Pearsons.

Convention

Falun Lodge Nordstjärnan were hosts at the bi-annual district convention held at the Wayside Inn in Wetaskiwin on June 25th and 26th.

Most of Saturday was spent at a meeting dealing with the Constitution, reports, etc. In the evening those present enjoyed a very delicious smorgasbord supper and dance.

Guests from Grand Lodge were Grand Master Henry Anderson and Vice Grand Master Andrew Wendell. Vice Grand Master Andrew Wendell spoke briefly, mentioning the fond memories he has of the Grand Lodge Convention held in Calgary in 1974. Convention Chairman, Honorary Past District Master, Karl Brown, presented Mr. Wendell with a peace pipe, a souvenir of his visit to Wetaskiwin. District Secretary, Bert Johnson, then presented him with centennial coins of the Calgary Stampede.

Grand Master Henry Anderson gave an interesting talk on his recent visit to Sweden and his audience with His Royal Highness, the King of Sweden.

He mentioned that he had visited a place at Växjö in Sweden where they have all the

family records. Växjö is where you write if you want to trace your family tree. He also spoke very fondly of his memories of the Grand Lodge Convention in Calgary in 1974 when he was elected Grand Master. He was also presented with a peace pipe and coins. Mr. Brown, who presented the peace pipes, had said that perhaps it was a piece of junk, but Grand Master Anderson said it would hang on his office wall.

On Sunday, the 26th, a memorial service was held in memory of those members who had passed away.

After the memorial service, election of officers took place with the following members as the new executive:

- Lloyd Eriksson
District Master
- Lennart Petersson
Vice District Master
- Bert Johnson
District Secretary
- Thelma Spielman
Vice District Secretary
- Gertrude Dickau
District Treasurer
- Doreen Nyroos
Andy Alm
Tony Lefsrud
Executive Board Members



SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Sonja and Craig Krogen on the birth of a daughter — first grandchild for Dale and Olga McBride.

Best wishes to Debbie Johnsrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnsrude, on her recent marriage to Mr. Ted Kingsbury. The newly-weds will make their home in Edmonton.

A shower was held for Debbie at the home of Orla Tychsen and attended by several ladies of Solglyt Lodge.

Miss Betty McKeivitt has visited friends in Wainwright, and in June accompanied Ed and Elva Veis and family on a holiday trip to the west coast, going to Vancouver, Cranbrook and Spokane.

Beth and Eric Ball have been visiting Beth's parents, Betty and Merle Travis. Eric attended a conference with the Medical Research Council while in the west.

Mrs. Edith Johnson has returned from a trip to Norway.

Mary and Arne Gulbrandsen have been holidaying in Norway this summer as well.

Lois and Ellsworth Halberg and sons have been holidaying in Disneyland.

Visiting from Norway for 3½ weeks in June and July were Kris Nyhus' mother and sister, Mrs. Ruth Solheim and Ruth's son, Magna. The family visited Mrs. Nyhus senior's brothers in Kelowna and Grande Prairie and toured through Banff and Jasper. The weather was varied and provided flooding conditions in Grande Prairie, and large hailstones in Edmonton. The size of the hailstones impressed the Norwegian visitors.

On August 26th, during the festival promoted by the Folk Art Council in Mayfair Park, the Sons of Norway orchestra will perform during the evening. Mrs. Astrid Hope will be conducting a demonstration and display of Hardanger embroidery during the afternoon.

Mrs. Hope has also been asked to act as Norwegian Hostess at a coffee party in the Green Room of the Jubilee Auditorium on the morning of Heritage Day celebrations.

In addition to all this, preparations for Language Camp have been taking a great deal of Mrs. Hope's time.

Dr. Edwin Sarchuk visited his mother, Mrs. Astrid Hope, bringing with him his niece and nephew, Teresa and Trevor Sarchuk, who will stay with their grandmother, Mrs. Hope, and attend language camp as well. Dr. Sarchuk's daughters, Debra and Wendy, will travel to Edmonton in August for a visit with their grandmother, and will

also attend language camp.

Alvin Searle has travelled to Saskatchewan to visit friends and relatives. We are glad to hear he is back to work following a recent illness.

Mrs. Vallenger, former Lodge member from Vancouver, has been in Edmonton for a month visiting Lydia and Nels Naverseth. While here Mrs. Vallenger received a 50-year membership pin from the Rebecca Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Naverseth have vacationed by car this summer to Vancouver and Victoria, and down to Oregon. They have also visited friends in Moose Jaw and other Saskatchewan centres.

The Olafson families have been entertaining in honour of Hans and Maud Moholt and their daughter, Hardis, from Norway. They have been staying with their nephew, Bernie Olafson, and his family. A farewell party was held on July 14th at the home of Alf Olafson. Bernie, Kay and family left with the Moholts to drive them over the David Thompson Highway out to Vancouver, and then to Seattle where Mr. and Mrs. Moholt and Hardis were to catch a plane to return home to Norway — a wonderful way to end a Canadian holiday.

Grace and Dennis Cook have moved to Salmon Arm to open and operate a new recreational park. We hope that Edmonton members will stop and visit with the Cooks on any trips going their way.

Our sympathies are extended to Wally Broen and his family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Emma (Broen) Wilcox on June 21st.

Guests will be most welcome at the display and demonstration of the Hardanger Wedding which will be held at the Mulhurst Lutheran Church Camp on Saturday, September 3rd. The demonstration will be held following the evening meal — for which their will be a nominal charge. If you plan to attend the supper, would you please make prior arrangements by phoning Wally Broen at 466-8461 by Wednesday, August 31st.

Correction—

Miss Sharon Sorenson, who spoke at the June 7th Torske Klubben, has been teaching Norwegian classes at Harry Ainlay High School, not at the University, and is at present studying for her Master's Degree in Education.

A Visit With Tollefsen

By Olaf Sveen

We went to visit Toralf Tollefsen in his home at Ullernkammen, Oslo, this winter. Tollefsen has been the model for practically all accordion players in Norway and even further for at least one generation now.

He was born at Glemmen by Fredrikstad on August 26, 1914, when the first World War was just a few weeks old.

Tollefsen first studied the violin, but luckily he went over to the accordion very soon.

Eva, Astrid and I went to his place by taxi-cab, and I mentioned to the driver that we were on our way to see Tollefsen. Usually when you mention people's names to taxi drivers in places as big as Oslo all you get is a blank stare — names don't ring a bell. Not so this time. The first thing he said was: "Has he moved?" It turned out he was a real Tollefsen fan, and he probably knew more about him than I did.

When we arrived, Tollefsen was there to meet us. In his music room the walls were covered with photos from many of his concert tours around the world, and also with record covers, for he has recorded practically everything from "Life in the Finland Woods" to Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody". I know he made his recording of "Elvira Waltz" and "Schottish Brillante" as early as 1934, and speaking of early, I believe he played on British television in 1936. He has been a composer for a long time; one of his earlier pieces is "Harvest Moon Waltz", specially written as the Junior Solo Test Piece for the British National Amateur Accordion Championship Contest in 1939.

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PETER AND LILLY ELANDER

On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre said goodbye to Peter and Lilly Elander at a surprise dinner at the Centre. On behalf of the shareholders of the Scandinavian Centre, an original oil painting of the fjords was presented to Peter and Lilly, along with flowers and best wishes for the future.

LETTER FROM PETER

It has been quite a change for your former Manager — from the Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton to the Riverside Country Club in Saskatoon. The excitement of the moving and the start of a new job; this should be enough for any person. But to be forced to leave the wife at an Edmonton hospital for an operation — this no one needs! However, Lilly is fine and has finally arrived here in Saskatoon, so it is now possible to concentrate on writing a few lines to say thank you to all the people that wished Lilly and I good luck.

It is not easy for me to bring out in writing how much Lilly and I appreciated the surprise party, the gift from all the clubs, and the beautiful picture of a Norwegian Fjord from the Board of Directors.

The gift has already been in use, the picture has not been unpacked, but when we do get to it, it will be displayed proudly.

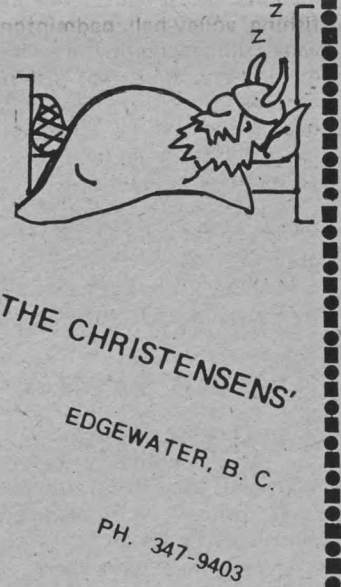
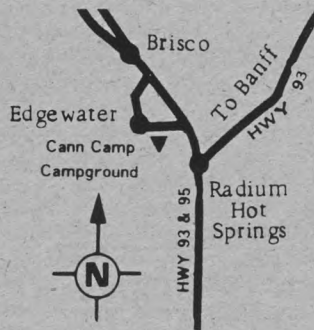
Part of us is still left in Edmonton. Like so many other people that have left the Centre, we just said goodbye for a while; we will be back to take part in some functions this coming winter.

We are now looking forward to receiving the Centre News — hopefully with good news that the Centre is moving in the right direction.

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Hans Fest Celebrated Royally



Double Ringers!

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Barbecue

Sons of Norway Solglyt members held their June mid-month meeting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, guests of Inge and Anders Anderson and their families at Lake St. Cyr, near St. Paul.

The weather was perfect, the food plentiful and tasty. From Friday until Sunday afternoon there was a whirl of activity. The variety available included horse-shoes, boating fishing, volley-ball, badminton, water skiing, sunning or swimming. Any time was fishing time, and only the biggest ones got away; all the others Harry filleted in jig time.

Horse-Shoe Competition

Harry Huser is still king! Games began Saturday, culminating in a 12-entry competition on Sunday. In one game played by Peterson and Halberg they

came from behind 15-0 to win 21-20. Several double ringers were seen. Harry Huser and Gary Johnson were top performers, while Ken Domier and Bob Burt took second money. Sausage and Pancakes for Breakfast

Saturday and Sunday mornings it was rise and shine to pancakes cooked to perfection by Inge Anderson and Don Carter; sausages fried by Betty and Eleanor Anderson; and fragrant, steaming coffee.

Hans Fest Celebrated Saturday Evening

Saturday evening, following the steak barbecue, members gathered about the large campfire to celebrate Hans Fest. The burning of the boat, together with remnants of a pier, made for a hot time and was followed by singing and good fellowship. Then it was dancing and feasting (cake and lefse) till the wee hours of the morning — music provided by Harry,

Gary and Inge.

Most Popular Meeting of the Year

Members slowly departed on Sunday with mixed emotions: some said they would be back next weekend; others said they would like to return for holidays; and it was unanimous that this had been the most enjoyable meeting of the year.

Seventy-five persons had thoroughly enjoyed the most pleasant weekend of the year, thanks to the Andersons and their overflow of hospitality. Inge Anderson, Social Director Deluxe, certainly reached down in his bag of tricks to come up with such a novel meeting, right down to getting the weatherman to be agreeable.

A huge vote of thanks to the Andersons for this all-out, successful get-together. Here's hoping we will have this kind of affair annually — no one could have asked for anything more.

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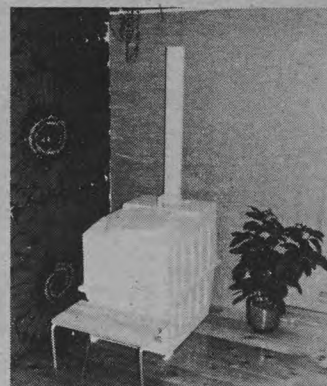
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Your pastor will be off on vacation for the last two weeks in August, but should pastoral need arise then you may contact the Chairman — Erik Muller — and he will have the name of a pastor who will help out.

We would also remind our readers that there will not be Service on the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend — September 4th. But on September 11th there will be Service as usual, and the Sunday School will be resuming their regular sessions. All parents having kids ready for Confirmation, please contact the pastor some time in the second week of September. Minimum age is beginning Grade 8 in school this fall.



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Crust —
1/2 lb. butter
1/2 tspn. salt
2 cups flour
2-3 tbspsn. water

Filling—
2 fresh salmon fillets
(about 2 lbs.)
4 tbspsn. melted butter
1 cup cooked rice
2 tbspsn. chopped parsley
2 tbspsn. minced onion
5 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 egg, beaten
lemon juice

Brown the salmon fillets quickly over high heat in 2 tbspsn. of the butter, but do not cook them through; remove from the pan and chill. Prepare the pastry. Roll out half into an elongated oval about 16 X 6 inches. Place it on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Combine the rice, remaining butter, parsley, onion and salt, and spread the mixture onto the rolled-out dough, coming to about 2 inches from the edges. Arrange half of the egg slices over the rice and top with the salmon fillets; sprinkle with the lemon juice and additional salt, if desired. Arrange the second half of the egg slices over the salmon layer.

Roll out the second half of the dough into another elongated oval (16 X 6 inches). Moisten the edges of the bottom crust and arrange the top crust over the filling. Press the edges together to seal. Brush with the beaten egg. With a sharply pointed knife, cut short slashes into the top crust to make vents for steam to escape. Bake in a hot oven (400) for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Watch it carefully, and if the piirakka begins to brown too quickly, lower the heat and cover lightly

VINATERTA
Icelandic

You Will Need:

Layers —
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1/4 tspn. salt
1 tspn. crushed cardamom
2 eggs
2 tbspsn. cream
2 cups flour
2 tpsns. baking powder
1/2 tspn. almond flavouring
1/2 tspn. vanilla

Filling —
2 lbs. prunes
1/4 tspn. salt
1/2 tspn. cinnamon
1 cup sugar (or to taste)
vanilla

Icing —
6 tbspsn. butter
1 1/2 cups icing sugar
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup ground almonds
1/4 tspn. almond flavouring

Layers — Cream butter, sugar and salt. Sprinkle cardamom over mixture and beat in. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until creamy and light. Add cream, almond flavouring, vanilla, flour and baking powder. Dough should be soft. Divide into equal parts and roll thin on the bottom sides of two floured cake tins. Prick with a fork. Bake at 375 deg. until golden brown — about 12 minutes.

Filling — Boil prunes, remove stones, and put prunes through blender. Add sugar, salt, cinnamon and vanilla. Heat until sugar dissolves. Spread between layers of cake.

Icing — Mix all ingredients well and spread on top layer of vinaterta.

thing out of his pockets — he does not want any hindrances or surprises when he plays. It is easy to tell, even before he starts playing, that here is a man who knows how to hold and handle the accordion.

Then he starts, and the first number is "Allegro Deciso" from "The Water Music Suite" by George Frederick Handel. Now there is a question what 'water music' really is. The explanation I have heard is that it was first performed on an outing with boats on the River Thames in England, where people brought their lunch and sat around listening to the band. And that is how it got its name. The "Water Music" was published in 1740, but when Tollefsen plays it, it sounds like brand-new. In this connection we can add that Handel and Tollefsen at least have one thing in common — they both apparently have had their greatest successes in Great Britain.

Next Tollefsen plays something he has put together him-

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4 TOLLEFSEN

The theme on my Scandinavian Program over QCFM is called "Sunlight on the Fjord", a Tollefsen melody, played by the composer.

As a performer he accidentally played for Joseph Goebbels and some of his followers in 1940. They came to an exhibition in Norway where he was playing. Tollefsen probably worried about how to get through a difficult bass-solo, and I am sure he managed. Goebbels probably worried about how to tell the people that black is white and make them believe it. Considering how bright the situation was at the time, and also how gullible people very often are, maybe he succeeded too, at least for awhile. When you stand around playing the accordion, you never know who walks in.

But let us get back to Ullernkammen, where Tollefsen is just getting ready to play for us. First he empties every-

self, called "Norwegian Suite"; it will be out on Columbia Records soon. It is a sophisticated accordion arrangement featuring melody-bass in several octaves. It is mainly a medley of Norwegian folk melodies, and played by a master like Tollefsen it makes a person so sad, so sad, and makes one almost wonder if it is right to go back to Canada and why not stay in Norway where you belong which is impossible and out of the question.

All of a sudden he starts playing "Astrid, mi Astrid", and I say to my little girl, Astrid "He is playing your song." Then Tollefsen asks her, "Do you know it?" And she says "no," either because she is stunned, or else because she thinks that that is the answer he wants — or maybe she misunderstood his British English. The reason I say all this is that I have been singing it to her for years, but then maybe my singing does not measure up to Tollefsen's accordion-playing, so she didn't recognize the melody.

When Tollefsen plays, you can tell he loves the accordion, and he seems to be carried away by the beauty of the music. Many average mortal accordion-players seem to be preoccupied with many other things when they play, but not Tollefsen. He puts everything into his performance. He is now a full-time teacher at a music school in Oslo, and just watching him play is a valuable lesson, or even many lessons. A person wonders — 'Where do I go from here, where can I look for something better after I have seen and heard the best?' Luckily there are many types of accordion-playing and accordion music, so there is always something different to enjoy listening to. But I will say that it is not easy to beat Tollefsen at his own game, and that he is a hard act to follow.

Tollefsen told me he was interested in Christian Science, and that he was due to be the first speaker at a meeting that evening. Nobody can think only about music, and music only, all of the time.

We had to leave, and said goodbye to a very cultured and fine gentleman, whom we might never see again. So it is perhaps fitting to quote Longfellow: "Ships that pass in the night, and speak [to] each other in passing. Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness; so on the ocean of life we pass and speak [to] one another, only a look, and a voice, then darkness again and silence." But Longfellow did not have people like Tollefsen in mind when he wrote this, because he forgot to mention the accordion-playing!

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By Anne Sahuri

The summer has arrived! The Finnish Society will meet next in the fall. The annual Juhannus-picnic was well participated in; the weather was favourable also, but I have not heard yet who caught the biggest fish although I think that the trophy went to the Thurlin family this year.

Best of summer to everyone. And Bon Voyage to all overseas travellers, as well as to those who stayed closer to home.

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BUSINESS

shabby. A couple of years ago, because of the persistent flooding we have always experienced, the heating system downstairs failed. It was discovered that the ducting beneath the concrete was of a non-metal type (long since disallowed under the City Building Code) and had become so wet that it had collapsed. Hence a huge bill for putting in a new heating system. Chairs must be repaired and reupholstered on a continuing basis. More chairs were required, and through a Director they were obtained at cost; even so, the bill was not small. The roof is in need of repairs. And have you looked at the floor and the carpet in the Viking Room lately? getting more and more worn?

Banquet facilities have increased manyfold in Edmonton over the past five or six years—some charge more than we do, and some charge less. But simply because they are newer, their facilities are more modern and include such things as air conditioning and elevators. In other words, the Centre now has to compete much more vigorously for business.

INFLATION—

And then came the inflation we are all so familiar with. The Centre still has the same number of square feet to rent — the same size building — but the cost of just having it there has increased drastically!

Taxes, utilities (electricity, water, gas, telephone), labour, janitor's supplies, office supplies, kitchen supplies — even postage — have climbed to heights not even imagined six or seven years ago. Property taxes alone are \$10,000 for 1977 — that means it costs us almost \$30.00 every day before we add any other operating expenses. We cannot raise our hall rental to the point that it will cover the increases because we would not then be competitive. So it is obvious that we must make the additional money we must have in other areas.

OUR OWN FOOD SERVICE—

It was apparent that operating our own food service would return additional profit, but unfortunately circumstances did not permit moving into this field gradually. Inside of one week we were faced with taking it on ourselves. Kitchen equipment is expensive, and a lot of money has had to be spent, but there is a tendency to forget that although we may not have the cash in the bank, we do have machinery and equipment to show for it.

No business can be operated without the means to produce a service or approdunct efficiently. The criteria has to be whether a piece of equipment will pay for itself and return a profit.

It would be wonderful to be able to operate the Centre without spending any money; it is not possible.

PAID OUR OWN WAY—

We Scandinavians have, with the exception of some small grants from the Province, always paid our own way, and I think we are all proud of that. The way we have done it is by running a commercial operation. We can still do it is

We can still do it in the same way if it is handled well. So let's run a business that wins us respect and admiration; pays

Guest Editorial

SPENDING MONEY WE AIN'T GOT

On June 26, 1977, the Board of Directors held a farewell dinner for Mr. Peter Elander, the Manager for the last two years, and his wife, Lilly. At the end of the dinner, the President announced that there would be a charge of \$15.00 per couple, and the Treasurer of the Board was instructed to collect same. The statement was made in jest and the money was never collected.

Nevertheless, the incident must give us all food for thought. We must all be aware by now that the Centre has been running in the red for some time. The President was right, and I personally would have been happy to pay for my dinner and help pay for the parting gift to our Manager and his wife.

SETTING OBJECTIVES, OR LONG-TERM PLANNING

Later in the evening it was stated that the Centre was going ten different directions at once. Again it was said in jest, but maybe there is some truth in the statement.

In life it is very important for the individual to have clear-cut objectives, and to follow through to a successful realization of those goals. It is important that those goals are worthwhile. Making money —becoming a millionaire—should only be intermediate goals to the objectives making this world a better place in which to live.

So it is with the Centre. The *Centre Idea* was born in 1953, and its objectives clearly formulated shortly thereafter. Those objectives seem as valid today as they were then; but very often seem to be forgotten, both by the Centre and by the five Nordic Societies.

May we again be reminded of the three basic objectives of the Scandinavian Centre:

- (1) To provide a home for the Nordic Societies.
- (2) To provide a memorial to our Scandinavian pioneers to whom we owe so much.
- (3) To assist Scandinavians to make a greater contribution to an emerging Canadian Culture of that which is good in their background and culture.

There has been some talk recently that our Centre may be uprooted in the name of progress — the building of the Yellowhead Freeway along 125 Avenue. Some view this with alarm, and certainly there are sentimental feelings that will be hurt; but the Centre's objective Number 1 — to provide a home for the Nordic Societies — will not change. It may become more difficult it will certainly provide more work for the directors but then again it may be a blessing in disguise to relocate.

What about objective Number 2? How could we better fulfill it than by building a beautiful *Senior Citizens' Home*? It has many advantages:

- (1) Our Senior Citizens would feel more at home with people of their own background.
- (2) It fulfills an Edmonton Community need.
- (3) Government grants are available for this kind of project.
- (4) It would provide the commercial base to make more possible the cultural development of the Centre.
- (5) Senior Citizens who are in good health do not want to be idle. They like to be useful. What a tremendous source of volunteer and low-cost labour for the Centre. Furthermore, they are very interested in preserving the cultural past; to become immortal.

I have had dozens of Senior Citizens offering time and money, if only the Centre would act. It is urgent now, before we lose all of our pioneers. Let's get excited about it! Let's do it *NOW*!

for increased advantages to our shareholders; enables us to introduce the community to Scandinavian culture; pays the cost of keeping our Centre shining and beautiful; and eventually

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The Scandinavian Centre needs kitchen staff and banquet help on
Fridays and Saturdays

FOR MORE INFORMATION
and to arrange an interview

Call Mrs. Eileen Peterson
at 453-5145 or 459-3706

RETIRED or SEMI-RETIRED PERSON

required as GROUNDSKEEPER
FOR THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

Includes cutting grass, weeding, etc.
for the rest of the season
Hourly or contract basis

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